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## FIGHT FOR FREE RADIO .....

The Government that introduced the Marine Offences Act, and that closed most of the offshore stations in 1967, were not honest enough to admit that their sole objective was to preserve the state-controlled BBC radio monopoly.

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## EDITORIAL;

Hello, and a very warm welcome to this first issue of our brand new exciting magazine - Free Airwaves. We do hope you like what you see. As the name of the magazine implies, we have one main aim - which is to keep YOU the readers upto date with the latest news and developments on the subject of Free Radio & T.V. and Citizens' Band Radio.

Another thing we aim to do is provide space for YOU the readers and broadcasters to present YOUR views on broadcasting and the many magazines, movements and stations fighting for freedom of the airwaves. As we always say - FREE PRESS ! WHY NOT FREE RADIO ? We are also hoping to take many special measures to extend the Free Radio world, so if you have ANY ideas do let share them. During this year we are hoping to have a meeting of Free Radio magazines, movements and stations, so lines of campaign and cooperation can be drawn-up. In the mean time please continue to support us as we need a high readership to get anywhere. Remember we are a non-profit making group - in fact at present we are £350 in the RED - which has now been reformed and is now under the total control of myself which means there will be many more improvements to follow soon. Right it is time for me to move off and make way for articles and news and letters and reviews and adverts and competitions and... and... well read on and see.

-Mike Cottee (Editor).

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Front; M.V. Magdalena (ex- Radio Mi-Amigo of 272m).

Inside back; The London Weekend, with Janet Street Porter - tries to find out how & why Caroline broadcasts.

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# 4 NEWS, HIT RADIO NEWS...

## Marlon "Ham" Brando

Marlon Brando, the film actor, has himself a South Seas Island for a hideaway - from where he transmits as a radio ham on his new high powered "pirate" radio equipment. The call sign of this station is "Marcos" and he holds moronic conversations, as do most hams, about weather and radio frequencies - he also claims to be a lorry driver. (information from MAN ABOUT TOWN).

The Independent Television programme - Money Go Round - had a piece on Citizens' Band Radio on Monday 10th Dec '79 at 5.15pm. It lasted for approx. 8 mins, in which time they showed CB Radio being used in the USA by a Stock Broker - you saw him talking to his wife from his car, while his wife was manning the base station at home. They also talked to two policeman who said they think CB is great and that it helps them with keeping the peace - they went on to say that they think it should be allowed in Britain as it brings many pros and very few cons. The Money Go Round team went on to say that CB was talked about in the House of Commons on Thursday 6th Dec., and that the Home Office said they would like to see CB in Britain, but they did not have enough people to police the bands as it is without more work, they went on to say that when it is legal it will not be on 27Mhz.

Look at the DJ's record fees; If you were thinking of hiring a famous disc-jockey for your Xmas party - we bet you forgot it when seeing the fees. For BBC Radio One and IBA Capital Radio jocks charge more for their services (?) than most successful rock bands. Herewith for your amazement, we present the fees requested by ten DJs simply to turn at a nightspot and play records for an hour;

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Ed Stewart (BBC) - £500.  
Alan Freeman (now IBA) - £500.  
Dave Cash (IBA) - £400.  
Al Matthews (BBC) - £350.  
Greg Edwards (IBA) - £350.  
Graham Dene (IBA) - £350.

Mike Allen (IBA) - £250.  
Mike Smith (IBA) - £175.  
Simon Booker (IBA) - £100.

**Pirate T.V. ?** - From the end of 1980 and the start of 1981 we in the U.K. may have more than just BBC & ITV as far as T.V. goes. For Luxembourg and other countries may start broadcasting T.V. programmes to the U.K. from space. The British Labour party has already started crying about this and it demands that the government should act to stop these pirate stations. They seem to like the idea of a Space etc Broadcasting (Offences) Act of 1980! They say that Space T.V. would hit both the BBC & ITV. The "Free Broadcast Movement" hit out at the idea of banning these stations as they would not do any harm, but lots of good. They would provide some much needed competition for both the BBC and IBA controlled ITV.

**BBC World Service** was to have had its overseas service cut back by £2,700,000. Luckily the government backed down on the proposals to reduce the BBC's world service. A 2,700,000 cut was planned which would have axed broadcasts in French, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Maltese and Burmese. But opposition from more than 100 Tory backbenchers forced the change to heart, which was a good thing as the World Service is a great voice for Britain.

**Radio Four 417m.** The new BBC Radio Four transmitter in London is in fact the old LBC one, which was used by LBC before there was a 261metres transmitter & site was ready. The transmitter is at the London Transport Lotts Road Power station (which provides the London Underground trains with power). At the time when LBC used it, Capital Radio also used the site with its 539 m TX, which jammed the Dutch pirate Radio Veronica (see back cover photo). The stations, LBC, Capital & Radio 4, were/are called Radio Clothesline.....Cont./.....

# 5 NEWS, HIT RADIO NEWS...

.....this is because the aerial is a piece of wire placed between the two large chimney pots at the power station. (A little like Radios Del Mare & Mi Amigo, but these two stations use the ships masts). The reason behind this new transmitter is two fold. (1) For the many people who have no LW or VHF radio, who lost R.4 when it moved to long wave. (2) To improve reception in London, which is fairly bad - this it does by day, but at night reception is still bad due to Radio Free Europe also being on 417m. It is interesting to note that the Home keeps telling there are NO spare wavelengths -s, but when the BBC or IBA needs one, they can have one!!!!

The first of the new IBA - Independent Local Radio stations should start within the next four to five months - where will they put them? As the Home Office tells us there are NO wavelengths!

**IBA Coventry** - the new Independent Local Radio station in Coventry, is all set to come on the air, they are, however, having a problem and that is what name should they use? Why not pirate a name from a pirate station of the 60's & 70's? -Most do. After all we have Capital, London, City, Scotland - so why not use Radio North Sea ?????

**Guildford.** The town of Guildford, Surrey may soon have a IBA station and if they do that station could be "North Down Sound". Crispian St John (ex-Radio North Sea Int', ex-Radio Caroline & ex-Voice of Peace) has formed a company to bid for the commercial station. The Surrey Advertiser went on to say that Mr St John has also worked on BBC Radio Brighton & Swansea Sound (IBA). Both Guildford Council and Surrey County Council would welcome a station in the area. The bad news for us lot in Surrey is that the BBC would like Guildford for BBC Radio Surrey, god help us.

**Pirate Radio in India.** In The Times recently there was an article on pirate radio in India!!!! It related, very briefly, to a religious group installing a transmitter in a holy place and using it to call worshippers to the church. As the church is semi-legal, it was the only way to do it, because the church is a holy place, the police have NO jurisdiction over what goes on in it. (information from Caroline Movement).

## RADIO SCENE No 1

Issue One is still on sale priced at just 10p plus S.A.E. OR a cheque or postal order for 20p, which includes the postage.

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THE RADIO FILE is one of the newest, yet most comprehensive radio news publications now being issued from the UK.

The first issue appeared in September. That issue, along with those for October, November and December have grown - both in readership and in content!

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# DOWN THE LINE COMMUNITY RADIO IN TELFORD, W. S. M.

There are six cable carried community radio stations "broadcasting" in Britain and also 2 cable T.V. stations (see Free Broadcasting Magazine, issue 7 - Swindon T.V.). The cable station I went to see was WSM Radio, which in the "new town" of Telford, in Shropshire, because of the expense of laying cables, only the modern development cooperation housing estates with cable relay systems for TV and VHF/FM radio stations are connected upto WSM, which means that only a small part of the population of the town can receive WSM, and now, due to lack of funds, the newer houses can not be connected up, and no date has been given for this task.

Some months ago it was reported in the local press that WSM would be applying for a license to operate a low power FM/VHF transmitter so that they could reach all of Telford. When asked about the report, Alan Peterson the station's producer disclaimed any knowledge of such an application, and said that he had not prepared such a application and put the report down to local paper misunderstanding what had been said in a meeting of the station's board.

The studios (there are two) are very good, considering the lack of funds, they use Revex reel to reels, Sony broadcast studio 'carts' and decks, Pioneer cassette decks and Alice 6 channel mixers - enough to make any pirate operator feel sick. I was also surprised, slightly, to see that they had equipment to receive outside broadcasts and phone-in programme gear. They can, if they like, link into other stations in the local area, eg the BBC.

It hasn't always been like that, I was informed by the volunteers I spoke to. At first they used old bits of disco gear and parts obtained from old radios. Somehow, I thought that the people I spoke to (not all of the mainly volunteer work force, I must add) seemed just a little TOO self-

deprecating, relationships were "tense", I feel, for example an argument was carrying on because a presenter had used the word "knacker-ed" on his programme, and some of the other presenters had reportedly quit because of this !!!

The audience was estimated by Mr. Peterson at being around 10 to 15% of the possible audience during the evening programmes, which is not bad for a cable station, I would think.

Observations in Telford by a Free Radio Flyer reporter shows that some "looh" has been operating his/her own station under the name WSM on the aircraft band. It is still not known if this is a real pirate or a relay of WSM.

Back to the studios again, they have 3" (approx 7.5 cm) of insulation on the walls and doors to reduce the noise, the studios are housed in one of the houses on one of the estates that it serves, the address is; WSM, 215, Willowfield, Woodside, Telford, Salop. Most of the work at WSM is done for the love of radio, but there are three full time and paid workers, producer (Alan Peterson), the miracle worker engineer and the station's administrator. Mr Peterson told me that they had received a lot of help from local businessmen, for instance, a local carpet firm has donated fitted carpets.

All in all, WSM seems a good set up, although I can't receive it, living in an older part of Telford - maybe one day they will have a licence to broadcast on VHF/FM. Although it was reported that the local development cooperation is to cut down the grants that it pays, are lean times ahead for WSM? Only time will tell.

By; Martin Scholes (of Free Radio Flyer, latest issue 10p + SAE to; Free Radio Flyer, P.O. Box 35, Wellington, Telford, Salop.)

The location of four of the other five cable stations are known, those being in; Thamesmead, Southwark, Basildon & Newton Aycliffe.



# ..... COMPETITION .....

## Section 1 (Offshore Forts)

- 1) What was the name of the station which was to use the Gunfleet Lighthouse, 5½ miles of Frinton, and why didn't it start broadcasting?
- 2) What is Roughs Tower, off Harwich, called today?
- 3) What stations used the REM island of Holland?
- 4) Name the three stations which used the Red Sands fort.

## Section 2 (Offshore Ships)

- 1) Was there ever an offshore station of America, if so what was it called?
- 2) What was the Uilenspiegel, and what was it used for?
- 3) What station used Tiri 1 and Tiri II, and was later allowed to broadcast on land?
- 4) Name the two ships from which Radio Atlantis transmitted.

## Section 3 (Landbased)

- 1) What is the longest running landbased pirate station in the UK?
- 2) What does L.T.I.R. stand for?
- 3) What landbased pirate station came first in the last Free Radio Poll held by Free Radio Waves, Focus, Free Broadcasting Mag. & others?
- 4) Name three offshore DJ's who have done shows on landbased pirate stations.

## How to try and win

- 1) Answer at least THREE questions from TWO sections.
- 2) Write your answers on a piece of paper (separate from orders, letters etc etc).
- 3) Send the answers to us, so that we receive them by March 8th 1979.
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- 5) The address is; Free Airwaves, c/o Free Broadcast Movement, P.O. Box 319, Edenbridge, Kent.

## Prize

- 1) One prize of a Radio Caroline T-shirt (m or l size only - state which)
- 2) One prize of a Caroline pub-mirror.
- 3) One prize of a copy of the book Radio Caroline, telling the early history of the station.
- 4) One prize of a pack of old Free Radio magazines, stickers, badges etc.

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GREENPEACE ..... Ltd. or London ? .....

Dear Radio Caroline,

We were glad to hear your programme on November 19th in which you talked about the "Fri" peace boat and anti-nuclear groups in Britain. However, you seemed a bit confused about Greenpeace; the following is an attempt at de-confusing you. The Greenpeace that you listed as being at Columbo St is Greenpeace Ltd. it is a branch of the Vancouver (Canada) Greenpeace Foundation, and was set up here about 3 years ago. It is mainly an anti-whaling group. Our own group is Greenpeace (London), which is one of the original groups which set-up at the time of the French tests at Mururoa in the early 70's.

You also mentioned an Anti-Nuclear Alliance at 29, Great James St., London, Wc1. A general "anti-nuclear alliance" does not exist - perhaps you mean the Nuclear Info Network, which is at that address. NIN is an info network between various national & local groups around the country. Greenpeace (London) was one of the 4 groups who started NIN 3½ years ago. We hope this has cleared up any misunderstandings. Yours, Greenpeace (L'don), 6, Endsleigh St., London, Wc1.

# RADIOS MI-AMIGO<sup>and</sup> DEL-MARE

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## Radio Mi-Amigo 272m

Well it is not so much news, but history as far as Radio Mi-Amigo goes. The M.V. Magdalena (see front cover), from where RMA transmitted on 272m/1098Khz was siezed by the Dutch AND Belgian authorities at approx 5pm on Friday Sept. 21st. The ship had in fact been drifting, after the anchor chain gave way, for a few days and landed up on a sand bank just off the Dutch coast, and within Dutch water. The Dutch, however, committed an act of piracy, because at the time the MV Magdalena was not broadcasting and therefore not breaking the law. Also the ship was registered in Cyprus and therefore can only under the Cyprus authority, therefore the Radio Mi-Amigo staff have lodged a complaint about this illegal act. However, as we all know, there is very little they can do about it as it would cost far too much to fight the Dutch government in the courts. It is like the British government can at anytime bring the M.V. Mi-Amigo into port and there would be very little Radio Caroline could do. We can now bring to ahead a few facts about Radio Mi-Amigo's return & plans for the future.

FACT - The M.V. Magdalena was, in fact, due to move to a position off the English coast, as the sea is not so rough.

FACT - They were to increase power from the 6Kw they were using to the max. of 10Kw.

FACT - They were also due to start a very limited English service during the evening.

FACT - Sylvain Tack (the boss when RMA was on the Caroline ship) WAS involved in the project, but to what degree is not known by our Dutch reporters.

FACT - The project loss NO MORE THAN £25,000, as advertising & plug records made a fair amount of money during the short stay on air.

FACT - The ship is now a complete wreck after a very bad fire on board.

FACT - Dutch, Belgian and Spanish police came down heavily on ex-members of the station's staff,

advertisers and the Mi-Amigo fan club.

FACT - The British Home Office/Post Office/BBC were (or did) complain about interference to BBC Radio One on 272 metres on the East coast in the U.K. FACT - We have not seen the last of Radio Mi-Amigo.

If you would still like to write to the Mi-Amigo group, the address is still open, but for how long is not known. It is; Radio Mi-Amigo, P.O. Box 640, Port Louis, Mauritius.

(Postage is 11½p from the UK).

## Radio Del-Mare 192m & 186m.

Very little news about Radio Del-Mare at present as the North Sea part of the operation went very wrong when just one person was left on the ship. That person did the programmes during the day in Dutch as Radio Del Mare and at night would change to 186m to become R. Del-Mare International in Dutch, English and German. This person would also call up and talk to the many Dutch landbased pirates from approx 11.30 onwards. He soon ran out of supplies and sailed in, where the M.V. Aegir 2 was siezed by the Dutch police. At the same time things on board the ship went wrong the connection with the landbased pirate Radio Dublin in Ireland was called off, and in Holland the Del Mare fan club & mailing address was closed due to pressure by the authorities on Prodihaag - the company running it. Meanwhile the third part of the loop hole found in the Dutch law went wrong. Radio Del Mare, Italy and TV Del Mare both closed due to lack of money and are still off the air. While all this was going on, Gerrard Van Dam (the owner) reportedly went missing with a new and larger ship, and rumours are starting up saying that the station may return from the same ship as Radio Mi-Amigo !!!!!

FACT - Two different English groups had shown interest in the ship. FACT - One of these groups were planning to supply a 10Kw transmitter in return for air time!!!!



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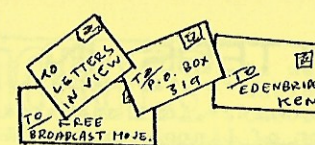


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## LETTERS IN VIEW



Mick Bray of Gillingham, Kent says; "I would like to say a few things about the jamming of Radio Enoch. The stations who jam Radio Enoch are no better than the Labour government who jammed Radio Northsea, for they also show that if you don't agree with someone else's views you should blot them out. The idea that Radio Enoch is responsible for the recent raids on short-wave stations by drawing the Home Office attention to them is hard to follow as they must be aware of them anyway. They probably get FBM and other publications and certainly listen to the 48m & 41m bands on Sundays. The stations who cause interference to Radio Enoch should consider what FREE RADIO means, it means freedom of ideas and speech, than turn off their transmitters and listen or broadcast on another frequency, or perhaps they think free radio is only for them. I don't like the present evangelist shows on Radio Caroline, but I realise they need the money they bring in. Think of the fuss if they were jammed by some idiots with a tx who take objection to their message."

Editor; "Thanks very much for your letter, which contained a number of very interesting ideas regarding this right-wing political station. There is, however, one or two things that you must take note of. Radio North Sea Int' (RNI) was NOT a political and was jammed for just being there, it is true to say that once the jamming had started R.N.I. changed its name to Radio Caroline Int' and began broadcasting pro-Conservative comments. I agree it is wrong to jam Radio Enoch and tend to support the new anti-Enoch move, of broadcasting on Enoch's channel after they go off. It is true to say the Home Office get Free Radio magazines as both Free Broadcasting Magazine and Free Radio Waves have been produced in court by the Home, it is also true to say they know about the pirates on short-wave. HOWEVER they were happy to leave them alone until Enoch came on the air, because it hit the national newspapers, radio and television. This resulted in questions in the House of Commons and orders that the pirates should be closed !!! Two weeks later two short-wave stations were raided. I, and the Free Broadcast Movement, believe under a true Free Radio system we will have political stations and as you say if you do not like them, you can tune away. BUT at present Free Radio is illegal and political pirates do cause problems."

Paul Davies of Blackpool, Lancashire says; "I'm glad to see that the magazine is better presented than of late, although it seems to have shrunk considerably."

Editor; "Well thanks very much for your letter. It is true that FBM 12 had shrunk, but not in the number of pages or in content. The normal number of pages was 14 to 18, but issue 12 was 24 pages! The pages are 1/2 the size but contain the same amount of type, as we still type/do the artwork on A4 pages, which are shrunk to A5 and printed." Gavin Robertson of Edinburgh, Scotland says; "Could you please let us in on what your holiday snaps on the covers of FBM 12 are." AND.. Many People from All Over the UK says; "Did you know that on the top photo on the inside back cover there is an address."

Editor; "Since starting the glossy covers, we have had the following photos printed - Issue ten, front cover M.V. Mi-Amigo (R. CAROLINE), back cover (top) Radio Invicta's studio (LONDON VHF PIRATE), (below) Radio Mercury's short-wave transmitter. \*\*\*\*\* Issue 11, front cover M.V. Ocean 7 (ex-RADIO 270), back cover (top) Aegir 2 (R. DEL-MARE), (below) WVB's transmitter (SEVENOAKS VHF PIRATE). \*\*\*\*\* Issue 12 front cover M.V. Mi-Amigo, inside back cover (top) an ex-short-wave pirate transmitter, (below) a member of that old pirate doing a tape change and back cover - M.V. King David (ex-CAPITAL RADIO).

The address on the transmitter box is that of West Kent College, which stops people taking it. The station used to broadcast from south



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 the town Tonbridge, Kent and closed approx. 3 years ago.  
Dave Jackson of Lincoln says; "Issue 11 (and your explanation on page 8 of issue 12 as to why it was so late out) you state that during the month your mail was illegally held, you had no money for doing issue 11. This maybe so, I am not disputing this, but how about the money from subscriptions? Surely this would have covered the cost of issue 11."  
Editor; "NO, we only had approx 100 to 150 subs during 1979, most people buy just one issue at a time. We therefore could not go to press. As £30 (or there about) does not go very far - as each issue costs over £100 to have printed, £50 goes on the cover!!!!  
Stuart Dobson of Stone, Staffs. says; "In Free Broadcasting Magazine issue 12 you say Radio Caroline should come ashore. I do not agree with you on this point, I think Caroline should continue at sea at any cost. The Free Broadcast Movement's aim should be to keep Caroline at sea, but to campaign to make it legal, so it can be tendered from England, so British firms can advertise on the station and so newspapers can print Caroline's programmes. Also than Caroline could come in British waters. This does not mean that I think you should not campaign to have Free Radio stations on land. Radio Caroline should continue at sea to remind us what an important part in broadcasting the offshore stations played."  
Editor; "Yes, we know that offshore radio played an important part in broadcasting, but if we do have Free Radio on land why make Caroline stay at sea? If we need to be reminded about offshore radio, could Caroline not still broadcast from a ship, but in the River Thames? We are not going to campaign for radio from ships on the high seas as this results in anarchy, like when the Radio City boss was killed. Anyway, maybe someone else would like to comment on this."  
Declan O'Driscoll of Co. Tipperary, Eire says; "...The only thing about your magazine is that I have not heard of most of the stations mentioned. The one that I listen to is Radio Caroline, which I think is superb, and which I am listening to as I write this letter (Space Play from LA is on). I noticed an ad asking for anyone in Ireland who would be interested in helping with FBM, Eire - well I would."  
Editor; "Well thank you Declan. We in fact have a few readers who do not know any other so-called "pirate" other than Caroline. Most of the other Free stations are on land and broadcast for just a few hours each, normally on Sundays. The channels to watch are listed with some of the stations in our landbased news section. In Ireland, of course, most of the landbased "pirates" are on the air every day and some 24 hours a day. The best way to find them is just tune around, they are often a little weaker than the BBC/IBA/RTE stations."  
Lance Bergman of Telford, Salop says; "Congratulations on the new printing method which I think is marvellous. It's a pity that you can't send the magazine in a larger envelope so that you wouldn't need to bend the magazine, however it is well printed and the gloss cover is a good idea."  
Editor; "We may well start using larger envelopes, but this will cost about another 2 to 3p per copy!"  
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Well that brings us to the end of the first letters page in this the first issue of "FREE AIRWAVES". We would be grateful if you would send your views on broadcasting, also we would like your views on the Radio Caroline New World service show from LA, in the USA (Space Play). Send your views to; Letters in View, Free Airwaves, Free Broadcast Movement, P.O. Box 319, Edenbridge, Kent.

Our thanks to all of you who sent the "Free Broadcast Movement" the many Christmas cards, we received a record number and would like to thank you all. We could not however send you all cards in return as this would have cost us a hell of a lot of money.

MAGIC

# PIRATE MEMORIES

As mentioned on  
 Radio  
 Caroline - 319m.

27, Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge, CB4 4BL.

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 Welcome once more to our ad. and just as promised our cassette section this time is dedicated to "Radio North Sea International" and most are VHF/FM recordings. The North Sea is still proving quite an exciting place, so we have produced a few extra souvenirs.

## SOUVENIRS;

NEW Radio Caroline car sunvisors, printed with the Caroline bell plus wording; "Radio Caroline" in large letters and "Europes only album station - 319 metres" in small print. (these are a real bargain)...£1  
 NEW Radio Caroline self-cling car-stickers, 5" X 5" .....30p  
 NEW Radio Mi-Amigo self-cling car-stickers, 5" X 5" .....30p  
 NEW 100 - Free Radio mini-stickers .....30p  
 Jumbo 3" badges - Radio Caroline (blue on white).....25p  
 Radio Caroline key rings (white on blue).....25p  
 100 - Radio Caroline mini-stickers.....30p  
 Please remember to enclose a strong S.A.E. with all orders for souvenirs. Cheques & postal orders payable to - "Pirate Memories".

## CASSETTES;

Before I actually list the tapes available a few words, firstly due to government increase in VAT and GPO's increases in postage charges, the price of our cassettes are now £1.13 each, post paid. We could have held price by using some of the many budget tapes about they are just not worth it, so we shall continue to use Sony, TDK, BASF XHE & similar. Now on with the cassettes, all from R.N.I.

Ref:	Details
1017a	Robin Banks show, part one of 24/8/74.
1017b	Robin Banks show, part two of 24/8/74.
1018	1970 closedown (not FM/VHF) 24/9/70.
1106a	Don Allen show, part one of 29/8/74.
1106b	Don Allen show, part two of 29/8/74.
1122a	Robb Eden show, part one of 31/12/73
1122b	Robb Eden show, part two of 31/12/73
1131a	Terry Davies show on RNI of 29/7/72.
1131b	Bob Noakes show, part one of 23/8/74.
1132a	Bob Noakes show, part two of 23/8/74.
1132b	Bob Noakes show, part three of 23/8/74.
1133a	Final hour of Dutch Service in 1974.
1168a	Brian McKen last R'n'R show 23/8/74.
1168b	Brian McKenzie (part two) 23/8/74.
1183a	Don Allen's last show on RNI 30/8/74.
1183b	Robin Banks' last show on 30/8/74.
1184a	Brian McKenzie's last show 30/8/74.
1184b	The last English hour 30/8/74.

Thats it for R.N.I. but before I go a special for Radio Caroline freaks;

1279 11.25am to 11.40 Tony Allan testing plus noon to 12.35pm official Radio Caroline reopening with Tony Allan on 15/4/79.

Cheques & postal orders payable to "PIRATE MEMORIES".....  
 National Girobank a/c number is 22 0134 006.....

The address for mail is;

Pirate Memories,  
 27, Coles Road,  
 Milton,  
 Cambridge, CB4 4BL.

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# Pirates still with us!

## Squatting on the airwaves

WE received the following article on 'Local Radio' in our mailbag and publish it as a matter of possible local and probable national interest. Although we cannot condone what is being done, we can condemn the action of Government and the Post Office for creating an atmosphere where people feel that they have to do it.

### Sounds Local, says Charles Barnett

IF some foreign visitor asked the name of the English Broadcasting System, you would probably answer that it is the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) with commercial stations controlled by the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA).

However, did you know that there is another one?

Most people in the know call it Free Radio. Free Radio comprises normal people, generally

young, who use fairly low-power radio transmitters and have headed note-paper and printed car stickers giving their station identification and wave band.

Then, once a week, nearly always on Sunday, a few hours of pop music will be heard, and all on budgets that individually would not keep LBC, Capital or Radio London on the 'air' for even an hour.

Unfortunately, it is impossible for these local services to get a licence,

so they are maintaining that word which was once used to describe Radio Caroline and the other offshore stations: Pirates.

However, those involved indignantly repudiate this, claiming that they interfere with no-one. They claim they aim to provide an alternative service.

Some aim to copy Britain's one remaining Offshore Pirate, Radio Caroline. Yes, it continues to broadcast, now on 319 metres Medium Wave.

### Raided

There are also political pirate stations, the best known of which is Radio Enoch or Two Spies Radio. They are, however, very unpopular in the Free Radio world.

Frequently, these pirate radio stations are raided by the Post Office, the raids resulting in the loss of equipment and, sometimes, the arrest of operators.

One such was Radio Amy, which operated a unique 'Community Access' service aimed at providing local news, information and music to six North London boroughs.

### Service

Unfortunately, after losing some £170 worth of equipment in the raid,

and due to mounting pressure on staff, it has closed down. They hope to return soon, though, on 217m MW.

However, it is hoped that the advent of Whitestone Radio this weekend, Hampstead Garden Suburb and Golders Green will have their own local service.

This will broadcast regularly on Sundays between 4.00 and 5.00pm or 5.00 and 6.00pm on 90.2 VHF.

Anyone wishing to help the station or receive information about it should write to Whitestone Radio, PO Box 110, Orpington, Kent.

### Stations

Many other Free Radio stations can be heard in the area covered by SCOPE, including Radio City on 238m MW, noon to 4.00pm; Edge City Radio 234m MW, noon to 3.00pm; Radio Tranquility on 219m MW, 11.00am to 5.00pm (hopefully); Thameside Radio on 90.2 VHF, 7.00 to 8.00pm; and Radio Free London on 92 VHF, 1.00 to 7.00pm.

One can also hear Radio Jackie serving South London on 227m MW; Radio North Kent on 92.8 VHF 8.00 to 10.00pm; and Radio Invicta on 92.4 VHF, noon to 3.00pm.

One of Radio Caroline's more mature DJ's ????????



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Send your newspaper cuttings to; In The News, Free Airwaves, Free Broadcast Movement, P.O. Box 319, Edenbridge, Kent.

RADIO VERONICA'S SHIP  
← ON THE DUTCH BEACH.

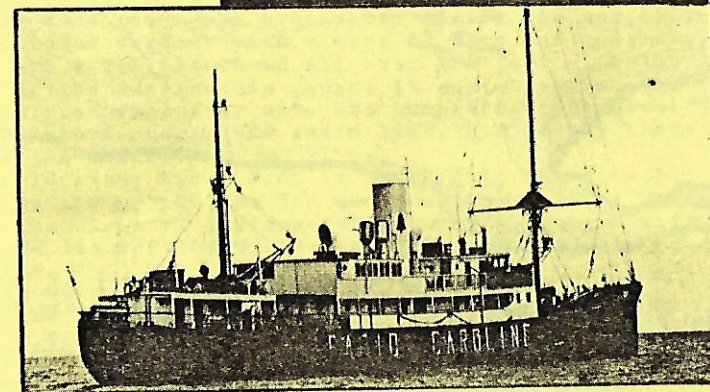


RADIO CAROLINE 1980's? →



↑ RADIO NORTH SEA  
INTERNATIONAL'S  
SHIP (MEBO II).

RADIO CAROLINE'S  
FIRST SHIP →  
THE "M.V.  
CAROLINE"



## WARNING

Under the 1967 Marine Offences Act it is illegal to listen to, advertise for, or support in any way, the pirate radio ship Mi Amigo which broadcasts 'live' from the International waters of the North Sea love, peace, and good music.

319 metres (963kHz) M.W.  
**RADIO CAROLINE**



APPROX.  
5 MILES

ESSEX

WALTON-  
ON-THE-MAZE

FRITCH

HOLLAND-  
ON-SEA

CLACTON

BRIGHT-  
LINGSEAROUGH SAND  
TOWER  
("SEALAND")GUNFLEET  
LIGHT HOUSE  
(disused)SUNK  
HEAD  
TOWERM.V.  
MI-AMIGOBURNHAM  
ON CROUCH

MAPLIN SANDS

X.GT.  
NORERED SAND  
TOWERSSHIVERING  
SAND  
TOWERSKNOCK  
JOHN  
TOWER

TONGUE

TONGUE SAND  
TOWER

SHEERNESS

WHITSTABLE

KENT

MARGATE

RAMSGATE

A map of the Thames Estuary which (we hope) is fairly accurate, it shows the positions of all the forts and sandbanks. The position of the M.V. Mi-Amigo is also shown.

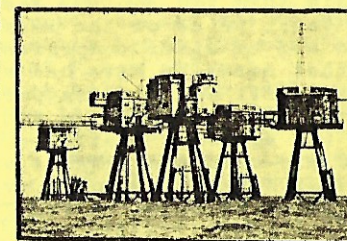
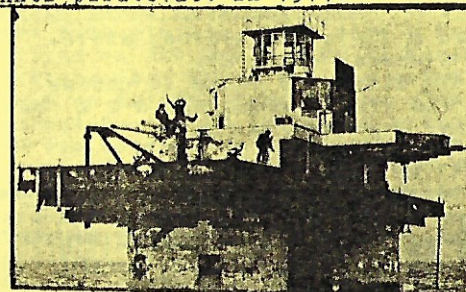
# THE RADIO FORTS

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The Radio forts were once used by great stations like; City, Essex, BBMS, Invicta, KING, Sutch, Tower and 390 - but were first put up for the Army and Navy during the 2nd World War to gun down Nazi planes as they neared the coasts of the U.K.. You can see from the map on page 16 that there were 7 forts - being Great Nore (demolished in 1958 as it was considered a hazard to shipping), Sunk Head (partly demolished in 1967 as it was in International Waters), Red Sands, Shivering Sands, Knock John, Tongue Sands and Rough Sands (now the Independent State of "Sealand").

Fort or Tower	Station name(s) if any	Type
Great Nore	Demolished in 1958 -----	Army*
Red Sands	Radios Invicta, KING & 390	Army*
Shivering Sands	Radios Sutch & City -----	Army*
Knock John	Radios Essex & BBMS -----	Navy-
Tongue Sands	Never used still standing	Navy-
Sunk Head	Radio Tower & Tower TV	Navy-
Rough Sands	Never used now SEALAND	Navy-

Also the map shows the Gunfleet Lighthouse, which was to have been used for R. Dolphin after the Dutch Anti-pirate act in 1974.



\* ARMY TYPE FORT \*

\* NAVY TYPE TOWER \*

The Present Conditions:- (by Danny West & Mike Cottrell).

Red Sands - Rusty on South West side. The South East most tower still has the legend "Radio 390 6.30 to Midnight" with the letters 90 above, the 3 has been painted over. The Western tower has "Red Sands Development Project" painted on it. Two of the walkways are complete and three others are mangled, twisted and just about hanging between the towers, one of these subsided in early 1978. All other walkways are on the seabed.

Shivering Sands - In overall better condition than Red Sands except for the total lack of walkways and the fact that one of the towers is missing, it went many years ago presumably during the war, this tower ends at the water surface with a mess of wire and concrete. All Radio City signs are still plastered all over the fort - the Northern tower is now a tide gauge, this gauge is contained in a lattice affair which rises from the water up to the tower. The tide level is transmitted to the shore over a UHF radio link, this is why there are aerials on top of the tower.

Knock John - I could swear Knock John is leaning to one side, I wonder if it always has or whether the sands are moving. The guns are still intact, but the whole of the superstructure is covered with seagull droppings. On the left hand side on both sides is painted "Radio Essex 222" in white.

Great Nore - Is, as we know, somewhere at the bottom of the sea.

Rough Sands - In the best condition out of the lot, still lived on by the Bates family & friends. Painted all over with "Sealand".

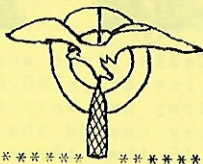
Sunk Head - All that remains is its legs & a little superstructure.

Tongue Sands - Rusty with Seagull droppings, but still standing.



# DOLFIJN RECORDING

Dolfijn Recordings,  
13, Bowmans Road,  
Dartford,  
Kent.



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ACTION REPLAY!!!! Now for the first time in history Dolfijn brings to you an ACTION REPLAY in SOUND. This is your unique chance (your only chance) to become the proud owner of a complete Sound Library of the stations of the 60's and 70's. A permanent reminder to the following stations; Radios London, England, Brutain, Sutch, City, King, Invicta, Tower, Essex, BBMS, 390, Caroline, Atlanta, Mi-Amigo, Atlantis, Veronica, Peace, Mercur, 270, Scotland, Capital, RMI, Free America, Hauraki. Its an ACTION REPLAY of SOUND.

You will NEVER need to buy another record or tape (and take a chance of being ripped off) once you have purchased our Library. By them singly or all at once. Singly they will cost you £49.28, but a special offer to FBM readers, buy just one if your satisfied with what we claim then you can buy the rest at a special discount (less £10 of the total price of the remaining tapes). If you have already been ripped off by other companies than it makes sense to buy from a company that cares. We have had many satisfied customers, why not join them, you will not be disappointed.

Write to us today, enclosing an SAE plus a 10p stamp, address above. (No discount available for overseas readers).

DISCO/RADIO pre-recorded jingles over 30 different carts to choose from. Also CUSTOM produced voice overs and jingles. Send SAE & 2 X 10p stamps for lists OR blank PO for 75p for demo tape & lists.

(please mention FBM when sending for lists)

## FREE RADIO FLYER

P.O. Box 35,  
Wellington,  
Telford,  
Salop.

PRICE:- 10p  
+ SAE.

Free Radio Flyer is a NEW Free Radio magazine, which has been formed out of the old Caroline News Sheet. Free Radio Flyer is A4 size with 8 pages packed with news on Radios Caroline, Del-Mare & Mi-Amigo. Also lots of news on landbased pirates and more. We are four times larger than the Caroline News Sheet, but only two times the price.

Send 10p (blank 10p PO, 10p coin taped to card or 10p stamp) + an SAE to; Free Radio Flyer, P.O. Box 35, Wellington, Telford, Salop.

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## FBM

SALE SALE  
SALE SALE

FREE BROADCAST MOVEMENT  
P.O. BOX 319  
EDENBRIDGE, KENT

SALE..SALE..SALE..SALE..SALE..  
We are selling off the last of our stock, order today;

- 1) Radio Caroline 3" badges...20p
- 2) Radio Caroline 2" badges...15p
- 3) Radio Caroline T-shirts, very few left, state size - medium or large.....£2.25
- 4) Radio Caroline mirrors, printed with sketch of the ship, wood frame & the word "CAROLINE".....£2.50
- 5) Voice of Peace postcard size photos showing ship... 10p (or 5 for 35p).
- 6) Free Broadcasting Magazine. Issues 1 to 5 at 15p each or all five for 50p. Issues 9, 10, 11 & 12 at 25p each or all four for 75p.

ADD 15p for POSTAGE and send cheques/postal orders to above address. Cheques & PO's payable to "FREE BROADCAST MOVEMENT".

National Girobank number :-  
37 334 4007.

# Short Wave NEWS 1

Our thanks to the many stations and people who have helped with the S/W news.

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Radio Mercury Int' - As we said in "Free Broadcasting Magazine" issue 12, this great British radio station made their last broadcast on Sunday 30th., Sept. 1979 as the police/GPO had found out who was behind the station. Well Mercury has appeared to have pushed other stations into the idea of closing down as Blue Sky Airwaves has also disappeared from the Short Wave "pirate" bands of both 41 & 48 metres.

Radio Freedom; - The gloom of the short wave stations continues with the broadcasts of Radio Freedom on 6250KHz (48mb) on Boxing Day, as they too told Europe that this was maybe to be their last broadcast due to lack of support! They told us they had received very little support for the station or for the Free Radio Campaign, Britain and due to this they had come to the conclusion that there was no reason to continue to risk being fined. Radio Freedom can still be contacted at the Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Notts, NG23 6JX address.

Empire Radio; - Yet again I have to tell you that the gloom continues - as Empire's powerful 100 watt transmitter has also been taken out of service. The station that was serving a Free United Europe since May 28th 1978 (when they did a test broadcast) closed due to many problems highlighted in issue 2 of their Newsletter (cost 20p +SAE). They can still receive your letters via the Kent Place address.

Radio Capri International; - On a better note we can tell you about this new 48mb station, which made a test via the Voice of Britain's transmitter on the 2nd Sunday of November (11th). They received so many letters that they have now got a tx of their own and intends to broadcast on 6225KHz (48mb) from 13th of Jan. '80. Broadcasts will be each second Sunday of the month with DJ - John Scott - and will last one or two hours. John Scott tells the "Free Broadcast Movement" that the station will play a very wide range of music and can GUARANTEE that alot of the music will be new to you. Bootleg records and "off-air" recordings of London's MW/VHF Free Radio stations will also be aired. The address is; Capri International, c/o P.O. Box 110, Orpington, Kent - and from there you can get QSL and information sheets. Also each broadcast the station has a "Programme Details" sheet, which lists the records and where to get them.

Radio Galaxy (The Sound of a Free Europe); - Is another new station, this one hoping to start broadcasting by March at the very latest. It is hoped that R. Galaxy will transmit programmes when there is a lack of other stations on the air. The format will be anything the DJs like with a letter and Free Radio station spot. The station tells us that they have a tx on its way and are having QSL cards and info sheets printed very soon. The address maybe c/o Box 110, Orpington or c/o 147 Mackie Ave., Brighton, Sussex.

Sounds 79; - This QSO station (ie a station that talks to other stations on air) may a number of music broadcasts under the name of "Sounds 79 International", they have no address and it is not known if they intend to do programmes during this year - if so it may have to be "Sounds of the 80's". The station is often fairly strong on 48m or 41m bands.

Free Radio Broadcasting Company (or FRBC); - With its 700 watt transmitter made a return on the Sunday before Xmas (23/12/79) with some of the best programmes I have heard from the FRBC. The SINFO was 55545 on a National Panasonic DR26 set with just the Telescopic antenna up. The address for mail is FRBC, P.O. Box 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, Holland. The FRBC used to transmit programmes for other stations like ABC, Europe, Radio Viking and Radio Jackie's short-wave service.

Alternative Broadcasting Company, Benelux (or ABCB) made a broadcast on Sunday 11/11/79 via the Voice of Britain's transmitter on 6225KHz, before Capri Int' the station's test was received well throughout Europe, but it seems unlikely that the station will buy a tx and therefore may never be heard again.

Radio Enoch was very active on 6253KHz in SSB mode on 48 metres over the Xmas period with its right wing views and reportedly 600 watts.



# Short Wave NEWS 2

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**Radio Dolphin;**—This station was heard on the same "off-channel" freq. of 6253KHz (48mb) as Radio Enoch on Boxing Day, it came up right after Enoch with the same signal strength and also with SSB transmissions!!! The address was the old Brighton Independent Radio Movement address of 63, Gleton Ave., Hove, Sussex.

**Atlanta Radio;** has been more active of late, however their broadcast on 23/12/79 on 6240KHz (48mb) was poor due to interference from Radio Zodiac on the "off-channel" 6237KHz. Atlanta Radio can be contacted c/o Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Notts.—They now have new cloured information sheet which are sent out free as long as an SAE or IRC is sent.

**Radio Horizon;**—Another new station to short-wave appeared on Boxing Day and that was on 6230KHz under the name of R. Horizon with a chart programme, the address for Horizon is c/o Kent Place etc etc.

**Radio Free Birmingham** made a "one-off" broadcast on the Sunday before Xmas (23rd.) the station sounded like Empire Radio and could be found on 6230KHz reportedly causing interference to Radio Zodiac, the address is again c/o Kent Place.

**Voice of Britain;**—The VOB can still be received on every 1st & 3rd Sunday from 10.00am onwards on 6225KHz, less Terry St. John who is another person to leave the VOB following Simon James, Phil Charles and Steve York. The remaining DJs are Robert Roy, Victor Hartman and Dave Jackson. The address for QSL card, new car-stickers and five info sheet is c/o Kent Place. The VOB made an extra broadcast on 11/11/79 when they put out (as a one off) the programmes of ABCB & Radio Capri — resulting in Capri buying their own rig (see p.19).

**United Radio Europe;**—URE is a station that has been very inactive, however Paul Kent tells the "Free Broadcast Movement" that URE will soon be getting transport and should be on more. The address is c/o 131, Kew Rd., Richmond, Surrey. Their QSL cards are very good — they are a map of Europe with the station's name etc over it.

**Radio BCR;** On Boxing Day another new station was received at the FBM's office called BCR. This station was giving the phone number as (0732) 59182 and address as P.O. Box 319, Edenbridge, Kent. The "Free Broadcast Movement", however, points out that this station is not allowed to use our address, nor is any other station, for legal reasons (ie It is illegal to aid and abett anybody committing the offence of broadcasting, and as the FBM has had problems in the past regarding mail the box must not be used by pirates) The "FBM" goes on to say, "If we hear this station or any other station using PO Box 319 we intend to pass the matter on to the Tunbridge Wells GPO Radio Investigation Service."

**Radio Condor;**—The Irish pirate, Radio Condor, continues to put programmes out most Sundays and Holidays on 6243KHz, these feature their own shows and relays of Ireland's many landbased MW & FM stations — some of which broadcast for up to 24 hours per day. The address is c/o Free Radio Campaign, Ireland, 53, Charleston Rd., Dublin 6.

**Radio Impact;**—This station was on regularly since early 1979, with 15 watts on 7340KHz (41). The station however had to "lay low" for a short time due to GPO problems, on Sunday 23/12/79 they made a return with some very good shows, it is not known at time of going to press if this station will start broadcasting regularly again. The address is c/o Kent Place.

**Radio Gemini;**—Gemini is a station which has been around since late 1972 and used to transmit next to Radio North Sea International in the 48mb, now their broadcasts are very rare. We were however able to log the station on 11/11/79 with 150 watts on 6240KHz with a format of "not so well known" records and offshore recordings, known as "Gems", the broadcast was, in fact, Gemini's 7th birthday.

**Radio Krypton;**—Between noon and 1.00pm each week on 6265KHz you can find Kevin Kent on Radio Krypton with 15 watts and a fairly good signal and programme. The address is c/o 134, Eastworth Rd., Chertsey, Surrey.



## FREE RADIO CAMPAIGN

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 \*\*\*\*\* People  
 \*\*\*\*\* keep talking  
 \*\*\*\*\* about this thing  
 \*\*\*\*\* called "Free Radio",  
 \*\*\*\*\* but they NEVER do anything  
 \*\*\*\*\* to bring it about. Sure people read

Free Radio magazines & Newsletters and listen to these things called "pirate radio stations", but why? Why should you break the law and listen and promote them? Why do the broadcasters break the law and risk £400 fines and/or 3 months behind bars? Is it just one big ego trip? Is it because they are technical weirdies? OR Is it because they are anti-establishment anarchists? — Some are ego-trippers, weirdies and anarchists, but most are NOT.

Most believe in something called FREE RADIO, but what should these words mean? How should we start to campaign for it? We would like you ALL to answer these few questions, and send the answers to us on a piece of paper separate to orders, letters, etc etc.

- (1) What does the words "Free Radio" mean?
- (2) Do you think there is a future in "Free Radio"?
- (3) How do you think we should start the campaign off?
- (4) Do you think Radio Caroline would help? If not why not?
- (5) Do you think;
  - a) The landbased short-wave stations would help?
  - b) The landbased M.W. pirates?
  - c) The landbased VHF/FM pirates?
- (6) Would your local MP be interested and which party does he belong too?
- (7) One "Free Radio" group must control a united campaign, should this be the FBM?
- (8) Would you help? If so how?

Please send your answers to us, making sure they arrive by Feb. 8th so in Free Airwaves issue 2 (out end of Feb) we can print the results and let you know if we intend to start a campaign for "Free Radio". The address is; Free Airwaves, P.O. Box 319, Edenbridge, Kent.

## SUB.S NEWS 1980. IT'S MAGIC

"Free Airwaves", incorporating "Free Broadcasting Magazine" sells fast and very often sells out, don't miss your copy of each 1980 issue. This year we are out every six weeks (ie nine issues). Therefore there are another 8 issues to go @ 25p ea. plus postage & packing at 12p (ie postage to go up soon to 10p second class), that is 37p per issue, times 8 = £2.96 plus cheque or PO fees 8 times over. However you can subscribe for ONLY £2.80 including all price increases, postage, packing etc., etc. Send cheque or PO for £2.80 (payable to "Free Broadcast Movement") to; Free Airwaves, P.O. Box 319, Edenbridge, Kent, England. All subs last upto issue 9 of Free Airwaves (incorporating FBM, issue 21).

Adverts in Free Airwaves work and work well, SAE for information.



"Associated British Contemporary Radio" (or ABC Radio for short) was raided by police in Sevenoaks, Kent on Sunday 23/12/79. The station had done a two hour broadcast on 6265Khz just before Radio Kryton came on the air. The station had closed and all equipment was packed and put into a wheelbarrow. It was a little after noon when the police arrived and the crew run-off, however the police arrested Simon Parry (of Free Radio Waves) and took him down the station and put him in a cell for a while. They police also took:-

- 1- Transmitter.
- 1- Power Supply.
- 1- Cassette tape recorder.
- 2- Car batteries.
- 1- 6265.555Khz crystal.
- 1- Radio receiver.
- 1-  $\frac{1}{2}$ -wave dipole.

2-Cassettes.  
-- Some green string (30ft.)

They may have also taken:-  
1-Wheelbarrow.

At the police station, Simon was searched and a blue ballpoint pen and 14p in cash was taken until he left later in the day. When the police left Simon go they phoned the GPO and Mr. J. Ridd & Mr. C. F. Burns called at the FRW office and took a look around. The full by Eric is in Free Radio Waves see advert on page 23. The radio was Simon's and had not been used by ABC Radio, it remains to be seen if the matter will go to court.

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"Weald Valley Broadcasting" (WVB) was also raided by the police in Sevenoaks, the following week (30/12/79) and again it was after the station had closed and equipment had been packed-up. The only two people the police grab, were both reporters for "Free Airwaves" - they being Jon Cottey & Alan Clifford. Both were charged with aiding and abetting and Jon was told he may also be "done" for listening!! The police also took:-

- 1- Every Ready torch with battery.
- 1- Phillips cassette recorder.
- 1- Sharps cassette recorder.
- 2- C-120 tape cassettes.
- 1- Skyfon transceiver with 7 transistors.
- 1- Super tester (metre).
- 1- SWR metre.
- 1- Life LT 22 test metre.

- 1-VHF dipole.
- 1-black box, power regulator.
- 1-Transistor mic mixer.
- 1-Transmitter marked mod./PA (Homemade).

3-Audio "type" leads.

1-Van !!!!!

A receipt for the equipment was given to Jon L. E. Cottey by John Ridd (GPO), but as none of the above equipment was Jon's, the receipt was marked "OWNERSHIP NOT ADMITTED".

Also taken illegally by the GPO was one old tape recorder and a radio, both owned by Jon and NOT owned by "WVB".

The owner of the Van, which the police had impounded has got it back, but refuses to talk to the GPO.

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#### Radio Liberty at large.

Boxing Day was the day Eastbourne had another pirate a "one-off" called Radio Liberty. The station was on 96.2Mhz VHF & 190m MW from 11.00am onwards, at about noon look-outs found out that Big John Ridd (Tunbridge Wells GPO) was after them and started back to the site to switch off the VHF rig. At a little after 1pm the MW service (5 miles from the VHF site) fell at Big John's hands (one of his hands was cut on something). The VHF rig was then tuned off and the crew went off. Meanwhile one person who is not involved with pirate broadcasting, but was fined at the last South Coast Radio court case for helping the station by transporting, has an appeal up and coming very soon (11/1/80) at the Eastbourne court house, near the police station.

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If you have a raid by police or GPO it is best not to say anything and don't let them have the equipment unless they have a court order. As soon as possible send a 1st class SAE & a phone number to: ERIC, c/o Flagstones, West Heath Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent. OR ERIC, c/o P.O. Box 319, Edenbridge, Kent.

We can then supply you with advice on what to do.

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Free Airwaves published by:-  
"Free Broadcast Movement", P.O. Box 319, Edenbridge, Kent.

The landbased news is bad, but this news isn't

Radio Caroline is a real international station now with programmes in Dutch during most of the day, English by night and between 9.00 and 10.00 Sundays and Wednesdays you can hear a French programme presented by Dominique Vautrin and A. J. Bierens (ex-Radio North Sea Int', Radio Atlantis and European Music Radio), he uses his old R. Atlantis name of "Michael O". To add to the multi-national station we have "Space Play" from the "New Energy World Service" at P.O. Box 66034, Los Angeles 90066, California, USA. Space Play is presented by Mike Hagler who was on Caroline during 1974, and live at that. Mike, however, has been calling himself Mike In The Night, and over the last week or so Mike Knight !!!!! Mike was, of course, one of the DeeJays which got R. Caroline plugging Loving Awareness, which came from a station in Los Angeles !!!!! The programme has also been repeated a number of times, not just the Earth News Radio bits, but the whole show !!!!! And to top the lot production is very unprofessional (ie repeating Earth News Radio, the daily sweep of Los Angeles stations, when they talk-over the ads etc).

However, the good news for us lot who like the English Radio Caroline only the station has started broadcasting longer hours. Since Free Broadcasting Magazine, issue 12 the station added an extra 2 hours of programmes, from mid-night to 2am. Than the very good news on 13/12/1979 Caroline returned to a 24-hour a day station.

Also a treat for Xmas - our old mate Stuart Russell returned to the good ship Caroline to help the rest of the crew with some great programmes over Xmas. The Sunday Nice 'n' Easy show is now taken off 319, to be replaced with an extra personal Top 30 Between 10.00pm & mid-night. One of the funny things on Caroline over Xmas was a song by all on the ship, which went on about Caroline wasn't here last year (1978) for Xmas, but they are now back. Late 1979 saw Radio Caroline on 37Kw - the most they can get out of the big 50Kw transmitter. However the "monster" generator (the ex-R. Del Mare Cummins) could not take it,

so the crew changed back to the two 10Kw transmitters that are joined to put out a top power of approx. 15 to 17Kw. The power, however, over Xmas was a "mere" 12Kw. The BBC gave R. Caroline some pulps late last year on both Radio 4's news and BBC-1 TV's Nationwide programme, the story was two Dutch DJs of R. Caroline had been arrested. We checked this out, only to find that Peter de Vries and Ad Roberts had missed the tender and hired a small rubber dinghy to get to the ship, however the motor failed when they were approx  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles from the radio ship. They had to let off a flare, which was spotted on the MV Mi-Amigo - the crew radioed North Forelands Radio and the DJs and dingley was picked-up by a merchant. When the ship got back to England the British police was waiting for them !!!!! The DJs were questioned and freed as NO offence had been committed. The police also had no choice but to return the programme tapes !!!!!!!

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WARNING (from Caroline Newsletter issue one)

It is understandable that readers may enjoy a trip out to a Radio ship. But being only too well aware of the dangers, Radio Caroline advises against it, has never organised a sight-seeing visit, and had never encouraged them.

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Soundwaves magazine, issue 7 out soon only 20p + SAE or £1.85 for a one year sub, that's 6 issue and includes postage. The magazine features offshore and landbased Free Radio, so order today. Soundwaves, P.O. Box 110, Orpington, Kent.

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Free Radio Waves full story on the ABC Radio raid, pages of short wave and all other pirate stations are featured in its pages. 20p + SAE to: FRW, Flagstones, West Heath Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent.

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Order Free Airwaves, issue two now -25p + SAE, address on page 3.



# GPO'S "BIG," JOHN - CALLS ON THE **F.B.M.** - The "SICK-MIND" still at work.

Think back to when you got the Caroline Newsletter, issue 8 - it was an emergency issue due to the fact that the Newsletter's printers had received a visit by Scotland Yard officials and because of this he would not print Newsletter anymore.

Now look inside that Newsletter (pages 10 & 11), the article headed "Newsletter, Its readers, The "SICK" mind and Too much STICK" and pay attention to section; (E) The "Nail-studded Club" and we quote, "This is used on those suspected of being deeply involved with Radio Caroline (in our case Landbased Pirates) although the involvement is NOT illegal. Victims of this "sick" mind treatment are Geoff Baldwin of the Caroline Movement, and June Sutton who takes care of Newsletter's accounts, subscriptions and despatch." It goes on to say they are called upon by two Scotland Yard officials WHO DO NOT make appointments.

Well this "SICK" mind is at work again.....this time in the form of the Post Office & its yellow vans with large "goons" inside.

In April 1979 your Editor, Jon Cottee and South Coast Radio found themselves in court, as a result of a raid on SCR when Jon & Mike were reporting and NOT breaking the law. The case was not proven and the FBM was freed. However, since then the FBM has more than once been "picked" on. When we went to SCR's second court case comrade John Ridd smashed the FBM's camera (now in the hands of the police). Since then however the same person has made threatening phone calls to the home of the ex-operator of "South Coast Radio" and friend of the FBM, when Radio Liberty came on the air on Boxing Day.

.....And to top the lot, two GPO officials called on the FBM on Monday 30th Dec. 1979 threatening to prosecute Mike Cottee for:-

- 1) Letting "WVB" (a local VHF pirate in Sevenoaks) use P.O. Box 319 (ie its illegal to aid and abett pirates, see Page 20).
- 2) Running a magazine that promotes "pirate" radio, therefore aids & abetts them.
- 3) Listening to "pirate" radio stations.

The last count is just not on. As far as we know only one case of illegal listening has appeared in a British court, and was just about thrown out with a fine of £1 !!! Count number two amounts to the Free Press being suppressed, as all we do is print FACTS. Now on to number one, we knew about WVB and that it used 36, Lime Tree Walk, Sevenoaks, Kent as an address. But as the station used low power we could NEVER listen to it. On Sunday 23/12/79 we had a new receiver and heard our first FM/VHF pirate - WVB, with P.O. Box 319. We did not know about this, nor if any mail arrive would be know where to send it. As far as we know it was used only once as we called them on the phone number and told them not to use it.

When we were at BCM-Box 8033 a station called Radio Skylab gave out that address, but who were they? We do not know, nor do we know who WVB & BCR are.

So this "SICK" mind does not appear to have much on us, they are just getting at us, like the Scotland Yard did with Caroline Newsletter & Movement and like Eric Gotts did with Radio Jackie. It is a "SICK" mind working against the word, and the word is **FREEDOM**.

While the GPO was at the FBM's office they asked us to sign a form to allow them to stop any mail addressed to pirates, c/o P.O. Box 319 - this was refused to two reasons, (1) The GPO may have "picked-on" the listeners and (2) We refused to help them in anyway until we received £28.98 for the repair to our camera.

We are now sending letters to our local MP, The Home Office's Radio Dept., The PM and Home Secretary pointing out that we are being given stick for NO REASON. The newspapers will also hear about this.

## Radio Caroline on BBC - 1 TV

During Terry Wogan's 'Blankety Blank' programme on BBC 1, on Nov. 15th., 1979, Terry came out with; "It is not well known that Pete Murray actually started his career with pirate radio, in fact he started with ..... (Blank)". Three out of the six guests said "Radio Caroline", those being Francoise Pascal, Henry Cooper and Ami Mc Donald.

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Caroline Roadshow is now a "MERE" £2, overcharging will kill off the Roadshow. When the price went from £1 to £1.50 the numbers going dropped, and now they will more than likely drop more. Do the Caroline Roadshow know that you can go to see many live Rock bands for less than £2? It made now be worth joining the £3 per year club. You get reduced admission & 12 newsletters, the address is; Caroline Roadshow Club, BCM-Box 1962, London, W6 1V 6XX.

## \*\*\*\*\* The Guardian & Radio Telstar

South; One Friday December 28th, 1979 the Guardian (a National newspaper) had a 1/4 of a page on page 3 all about the London VHF pirate - Radio Telstar South. It started; "NERVES are a little tight as the rain buckets down on the lonely wooded hilltop somewhere in Surrey. One of the team has fallen face down in the mud, the lookouts keeps imagining torches approaching, everyone's risking a fine of several hundred pounds, and illegal broadcasting has little glamour just now." It then went on to say there were 5 stations (try more like 20) broadcasting to London; RTS, Free London, North Kent, Jackie & Invicta and also said they were fighting for more stations, which would specialise like in the USA. The article was headed "Radio pirates of the ice cold waves" and was by Stephen Cook. Along with it was a picture with caption, "A filthy night 'somewhere in Surrey' and Dave Reading sets up his tiny pirate transmitter".

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Order issue 2 of Free Airwaves now, its out in six weeks - end of Feb. 1980.

There has been many so-called "networks" in the past like the London Transmitter of Independent Radio (L.T.I.R.) and the Helen Broadcasting Network, but the 6235 Network is new. The first reason is there are just four stations each with their own transmitter and a stand-by which is used by any station that has lost one in a raid. The network is on 6235KHz in the 48mband, short wave and the stations are;

1st Sunday of the month; ABC Radio  
2nd Sunday; Radio Zenith.  
3rd Sunday; European Music Radio.  
4th Sunday; Radio Zodiac.  
and some of these stations also use a 41mb channel. The stations are also on 6235 if, in any month, there is a 5th Sunday (like in Dec. 1979). On these days the networks broadcasts are for 4 hours, each station doing one hour, eg. ABC first, followed by Zeith, then EMR and last Zodiac.

The idea started when Radio Capricorn Int' was broadcasting on 6235 each 1st, 2nd, and 4th., and EMR would be there each 3rd. This was doing fine until Capricorn was raided by ERIC Gotts & Co. The network fell to pieces for a short time until Radios ABC, Zodiac & Zenith turned up. Just to show how well it works; ABC Radio (see ERIC's article) was raided by police on the Sunday before Xmas (23rd.), yet the very next week ABC had taken up its place in the network for the 5th Sunday programmes. To show even more how good it is - the next week (ie 1st Sunday in Jan.) ABC Radio was on once again !!! Since the starting of this 6235 network, one is now being slowly formed on 6225Kz - On the 1st & 3rd Sundays it is the Voice of Britain and on the 2nd Sunday Radio Capri International, and they are now looking for a station to do the 4th Sunday. Another network almost started on 6265Kz, when on a 3rd Sunday ABC Radio would broadcast between 10.00 and noon and then Kryton for an hour. However this fell apart when ABC Radio was raided. So next time you have that radio out on a Sunday, any Sunday, tune in.



Many of you know that Radio Caroline is not the only so-called "pirate" station, in fact there must be anything upto 75 "music" stations in the UK, which broadcast for normally between 1/2 and 9 hours a week, & normally on Sundays.

However we bet many of you did not know, that due to a "loop-hole" in Irish law, the Irish pirates broadcast EVERY day of the week and some of them broadcast for upto 24 hours-a-day, 7 days a week.

In Dublin, Ireland's capital, there are many popular stations like; Radio Dublin, Alternative Radio Dublin (ARD), Big D Radio, Capitol Radio, Radio Caroline Dublin and Radio City. All of these stations (apart from Caroline Dublin) as commercial and charge prices like these (from Radio Dublin):-

## 8.00am to Mid-Night

15 sec.s spot ..... £10.00

30 sec.s spot ..... £19.00

45 sec.s spot ..... £35.00

## Mid-Night to 8.00am

15 sec.s spot ..... £8.00

30 sec.s spot ..... £17.00

45 sec.s spot ..... £30.00

SPONSORED SHOWS (8am to Mid-Night).

15 Minutes ..... £50.00

30 Minutes ..... £150.00

Due to these stations charging so much for advertising - they can pay for good DJs, for example ARD has Tony Allen on each day from 5.00 to 7.00pm, with the "Drivetime Show". However it looks like the pirate's days are numbered as in Limerick two stations have been fined for not giving undertakings that they would stop broadcasting. Big L Radio was fined £100 and Radio Luimni fine was £25, not very high when you think the stations are commercial.

This may not bother the stations much, but the Broadcasting and Wireless Telegraphy Bill of 1979 will. It is at present having a bad time in the Irish government, but may become an Act sometime in 1980.

Our Irish reporter tells us that it could result in fines of

upto £10,000 and/or two years imprisonment alot worst than our fines of upto £400 per count in this country. This Act will be more like our Marine etc Broadcasting (Offences) Act of 1967 than our Wireless Telegraphy Act of 1949 as it will outlaw the Free Radio Campaign, Ireland (ie the law will make it an offence to advertise or publicise anything about a so-called "pirates").

If you would like more information on this new act our reporter tells us that issue 9 of Sounds Alternative (the magazine of FRC-Ireland) will be out soon and will more than likely give you alot more news regarding this. (Send 30p in cash - three 10p coins taped to card. The address is; FRC-I, 53, Charleston Rd., Dublin 6, Eire).

The Irish government is making the same mistake as the British, ie outlawing the pirates and replacing them with government controlled local stations. The Minister of Post and Telegraphs will bring about a "Independent Local Radio Authority" (like our Independent Broadcasting Authority, but with no control over TV), which will allocate broadcasting licences, "supervise" programme standards and control advertising.

So, Ireland's super pirate years may soon be over ----- a repeat of what happened to our offshore stations in 1967. It remains to be seen if any stations will continue, some say they will - if they do it will be more on the British scale, ie just a few hours at the weekend. More information in Sounds Alternative, issue 9 out soon 30p to; FRC-I, 53, Charleston Rd., Dublin 6, Ireland.

Please Note, in this country you can listen to Westside Radio & Radio Condor most Sunday mornings on 6280 & 6243Khz, they often put out relays of the MW/FM stations, which is very interesting. They also transmit the Free Radio Campaign, Ireland's show. In attention both stations transmit programmes of their own, and you can write to them c/o the FRC-Ireland address above.

Watch out on 6280 & 6243Kz (48mb) short-wave.

Radio Liberty at large (London), while Eastbourne was having fun with John Ridd tracking Radio Liberty another station under that name started broadcasting to London. The station made their first broadcast on Boxing Day & another on New Year's with 100 watts of power - live & in stereo. DJ's included Roger Tate of both Radio Invicta and European Music Radio. The station was run by the Invicta staff on 92.5Mhz (given as 92.5Mhz on-air) VHF/FM. The phone number given out was jammed for the hole broadcast as they covered most of London. It is not possible to say if Liberty will broadcast each Sunday.

Radio City is a new station, which made broadcasts over Xmas on 222 metres with a Top 40 & rock format. The station is not the same as the Rock & Roll station featured in NME (music paper), which was under the same name.

Radio Christmas is on each year, and 1979 was not a year in which that rule was to be broken. The station appeared on 219m and reports say it may not have been North London Radio this year, it is normally.

Radio WEIRD is a station that broadcast from time to time with about 10 watts on 92.6Mhz, programmes are of a rock format and are often very enjoyable. Over Xmas the station relayed a enjoyable programme from Radio JayBee, this was on 23/12/79. This makes out its an offshore pirate and it often results in very funny programmes.

Radio Jackie over Xmas & New Year did their well known long broadcasts - for periods of upto 24 hours a day. The station put all programmes out live on 227 (1332Khz) - with upto 50 watts. During the day (upto 4.30pm) Jackie was almost as strong as Capital R. in Edenbridge, at a run 4.30pm each day the signal would fade away, but return at about 10.30pm.

In the meanwhile RJ continues to transmit between 8am & 5pm each

Sunday, the address is; - Radio Jackie, West Molesey, Surrey. From there (by sending an SAE) you can get car stickers and petition forms. The big "J" also ran an Xmas appeal for local hospitals and held a RJ Roadshow with bar on Friday 4/1/80.

South London Radio put out a good broadcast over Xmas on 219metres, it may have come from North London we are told by FBM reporters, who also says in mid-1980 a station called South London Radio will start weekly transmissions, its not known if its the same people or not.

Radio City; - The Rock 'N' Roll R. City continues each week on 238m, and are a little up-set with Radio Telstar South who did Radio City 222metres. This Radio City had an article in the New Musical Express in late 1979, it reported that if the GPO raided them - they would put the boot into the GPO !!!

ABC Radio, not only runs a world service from Tree House !!! BUT an MW service on 270m in North London, which receives upto 20 phone calls per hour. The address is c/o 222, Hill Rise Rd., Romford, Essex.

Floss Radio made a test broadcast in late September and made some full broadcasts over Xmas, the frequency was 229metres M/W and the address is not known by us.

SUN Radio is a new station that hopes to start broadcasting to South London on VHF/FM soon. The station's theme music will be the Beatles and "Here Comes the Sun" and the address c/o P.O. Box 110, Orpington, Kent.

Thameside Radio 90.2Mhz VHF/FM has made a number of "live" broadcasts from halls around London and listeners were asked to come along and join in with the fun. Thameside's address is c/o 1, Grosvenor Parade, London, W.5.

The station has also had a search London for a gift competition, each week they give out a glue and you have to find the place where the gift is. Broadcasts each week, starts at 7pm and is often LIVE. Tune in and be shocked !!!



On Thursday 3rd. January 1980 the Post Office continued its acts against Freedom at the Haywards Heath Magistrates' Court (Sussex). Two persons were appearing under a charge of; "Using a station for Wireless Telegraphy except under and in accordance with a licence in that behalf" - Contrary to section 1(1) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949.

The court case was a result of a raid by the Post Office (with one policeman) on the M/W Crawley based pirate- Radio Activity of 270M.

The case started at approx. 10.15am when your editor & one other FBM reporter, Free Radio Waves & Focus, Radio Activity, South Coast Radio and GPO members packed out the public sections of the small court. The charges were read-out and both of the people charged gave their pleas of guilty. The GPO's prosecutor (as always) was Mr. Anthony Bretnall who explained that you can not broadcast music in the country, but you can become a (boring) Radio Ham, and talk to people from around the world. He went onto say that this station was playing music with DJs Simon James & Drunkem Disorderly (when infact it was Duncan Disorderly), he also said on the day it was raining very hard and the GPO officials got very wet (Ha, ha). Just to show that the Post Office and its court cases are CORRUPT, Bretnall said that Radio Activity had been interfering with Radio One on 1125Khz, which it WAS NOT, Radio One is on 1089 & 1053Khz NOT, repeat NOT on 1125. It is a case bent by the GPO for the GPO and what Bretnall did was ILLEGAL & CORRUPT.

It is also interesting to note that both people charged were not involved with the station, one had tracked the station and the other had help close it down (only aiding & abetting), however this corrupt court case fined each £100 + £25 costs. One was given 4 weeks in which to pay, the other asked to pay £2 a week - this was granted by the court. (C)

**Radio A\*M\*Y\*** (The North London community station) will not now be returning to the London airwaves, due to lack of support from not only the behind the scenes people, but the listeners too. The operators will, however, make "one-off" broadcasts in the future under a number of different names.

**Radio Concorde** continues to make the "odd" test broadcast in London, but these are often very weak if there claim transmitter power of 150 watts is to be believed. The crew is from the original Radio Concorde that closed in 1976 due to raids and heavy fines (due to the stuff they used to put out, ie talks on were to get drugs & there prices etc). All at the FBM are hoping they do not come back.

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S H O R T - W A V E N E W S

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**ABC Radio**, see elsewhere, was raided on 23/12/79, but still took up its place in the 6235 network on Sunday 30/12/79. On the first Sunday of the New Year 6/1/80 it was on, as always, starting with "Fool If You Think It's Over" and playing "Big Bad John" for J. Ridd of the Post Office.

To "FREE BROADCAST MOVEMENT"

This is confirmation of reception [QSL]

from

Radio Zenith International

Frequency: 7325 kHz

Date: 30 - 12 - 79 Time: 11-00

Signed



On 11th December 1979 the Citizens Band Association sent us a postcard, it arrived on the 13th., advertising a demonstration which was to be held on the 15th, just 2 days notice - many people did not receive the card until the 14th and some the 15th. The CBA timed it very badly, people need more than 2 or 3 days notice - which explains the very poor turn out.

The card read;-

#### DEMONSTRATION

The C.B.A. is supporting a demonstration for the legalisation of C.B. in this country, which will be held on SATURDAY next (December 15th) at 11.00a.m. Meet at Reformers' Tree in Hyde Park and march to the Home Office (3-4 miles). Please come and bring as many others as possible. THIS IS IMPORTANT - PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND. Each person should bring two letters: one to the Home Secretary asking him to legalise Citizens' Band Radio as soon as possible, and the other to MR. Hugh Taylor, Home Office Radio Licensing Department, asking him to assist the licensing of C.B. in every way he can. The C.B.A. will bring 30 placards to the march and 200 paper posters 15" wide and 20" high. Please bring a board or a sheet of stiff card to mount them on. Make your own placards if you wish.

Not only did the CBA only give a couple of days notice, but it was the wrong time of year for a march, with buckets of rain throughout the whole march, that started about 1½ hours later than advertised. We would love to have gone being an active group (two self-help radio meetings and 5 days in court so far), but due to lack of notice we were unable to join the mere 200 odd marchers who did turn-up.

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Meanwhile the editor of Bandstand (the 100% CB magazine) tells us that a group of CB people have had a meeting and now plan to get mass media coverage for the campaign. They are to put pressure on the TV & Radio stations, newspapers, magazines (radio, motor, women mags etc) and at the near end of the 6 month campaign have a mass march in London, so watch this space. If

we have enough notice about the the march we intend to be there to stand-up for FREEDOM. If you need more information on this campaign send 20p + SAE to; BM Bandstand, London WC1V 6XX (Blank POs please) - In return you will get the latest action packed issue of Bandstand.

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While all this pro-CB stuff is going on there is a very small group of Free Radio stations who are thinking of starting a new anti-CB group as they fear what many other stations do. That is, if CB becomes legal the GPO will have a lot more time to "DO" the broadcast stations. However, the best thing for them to do is join the Citizens' Band Association (16, Church Rd., St. Marks, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 7AN - SAE for details) as they are working for a VHF CB Radio system at present its on the illegal 27 Mhz (short-wave band). If we have VHF CB Radio, there will still be a few 27Mhz pirates - enough to keep the GPO very happy (or should that be gay).

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**Note for CBers;-**  
CB City Ltd., 119d, Prospect Rd., Farnborough, Hants.  
Tel: (0252) 318141 (evenings & weekends only).

CB City is dedicated to all present and future Citizen Band enthusiasts. We stock a full range of everything you are likely to require and more. If not, we can most probably obtain it. Duff rig?? Then why not take advantage of our repair service - absolute confidence guaranteed. Access, Credit Cards accepted. Just send 3 X 10p stamps for our 16-page fully illustrated comprehensive catalogue. REMEMBER !!! Until CB becomes legal we DO NOT sell rigs.

(This is a Free Airwaves information spot - info for Hobby Electronics, January 1980 - 45p from Newsagents, CB pages in each month's issue).

\*\*\*\*\* That is it for this issue order the next today, and tell us if you would like more or less CB Radio pages.

10-4 good buddy.



# FREE SMALL ADS UPTO 25 WORDS 3p Per Word !!

Free Small Ads can be placed as long as they are not over 25 words, extra words @ 3p per word, Buy, sell or exchange or place an ad for a pen-pal. This offer is only for private advertisers; businesses, magazines, movements and other groups must pay 3p per word. Free Airwaves reserves the right to alter or reject any advert. The advertisers shall indemnify the publishers in respect of ANY claim, costs and expenses arising out of any advert. The publishers can not be held liable legally in anyway to any person for any matter arising out of any small or display advert.

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S.R.C. (Wales) have a wide range of Caroline stickers, badges, sun-strips etc for sale. Why not send an SAE for FULL LISTS. SRC (Wales), 11, Teify Terrace, Newcastle - Emlyn, Dyfed, SA38 9EA.  
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Help Me. Some time since April my Top 30 was played on Caroline. I missed it, has anyone a tape of it. John Elvidge, 65, Approach Rd., Margate, Kent.

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Save the Whale & Nuclear Power  
No Thanks badges - 15p each plus SAE to; Friends of the Earth, 54-57, Allison St., Bigbeth, B'Ham. Support Radio Caroline's Whale & Nuclear Power campaigns - buy our badges, today. (X 3)

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Wanted, good quality offshore radio recordings for collector and exchange only. Many recordings are in my list, including RNI, Atlantis, Vernica, London, Caroline, City, 390 etc. Send a complete list with details of your recordings to; Jim, 1, Commonwealth Ave., Hayes End, Middx.

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Free Radio Service News is 8 pages and comes with a list of our cheap badges, stickers, etc. Send a 5p coin and SAE to FRS, P.O. Box 123, Reading, Berks.

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Place an Ad - Advertising with us works, small ads only 3p a word or a FULL PAGE only £4.75, an SAE for our rate card. Free Airwaves, P.O. Box 319, Edenbridge, Kent.

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Gwent CB enthusiasts, help form club for Mid-Gwent. If CB club members have relatives or friends in Gwent please notify them of this advert. Interested? Ring Pontypool 56927 anytime.

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 Free Airwaves 2 out late Feb.

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Wanted "Free Broadcasting Magazine" issues 6, 7, 8. Reasonable condition; will pay 50p per copy. Send SAE to; Mr. P. Davies, 57, Higheroft Ave., Bispham, Blackpool, Lancs, FY2 0BT.  
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Please can any Free Radio fanatic help me? I need the record "We love the Pirates" by Trinity. Your price paid, good condition only. Phone Alistair on Cardiff 613596.

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Wanted by Mike Cottee (editor)  
 Free Radio Waves, issue 1 & 6,  
 Free Radio Focus, issues 1 to 10 & 16, Monitor, issues 1 to 6,  
 Newscaster, any apart from Vol. 6,  
 No. 2, Free Radio Magazine, issues 1 to 6, NFRM & IP Mag issue 1,  
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SOUTH COAST RADIO

(Dateline 11/1/80)

See also page 15 of our last magazine (Free Broadcasting Magazine, issue 12), where you will find an article on the SCR court-case. Four people appeared in the Magistrates Court in Eastbourne on charges of illegal broadcasting and aiding & abetting. Three of these people pleaded guilty to at least one of the counts they were charged under and fined. The fourth person pleaded NOT GUILTY to the charge of aiding & abetting by transporting the equipment & crew - he was infact trying to track the station before it was raided. Anyway at that case, on the 29/10/79, he was found guilty and fined £30 + £25 costs and ordered to pay his full legal costs (which were to be on legal aid). John Ridd was the only GPO employee to give evidence, but as we said last time the GPO had NO WAY OF PROVING THE CASE, yet the person (Rob Chapman) was convicted!!!!!! He was concerned at the way the case had gone and so appealed, the appeal being heard on the date above.

The case started at approx. 11.50am before a judge & two female magistrates in number one court at the Court House, Lewes (the county town of Sussex). Comrade John Ridd was the first to give evidence, and was allowed to refer to a thick pile of notes made on South Coast R. (how much time & tax payers money had this used?). He said, that on Sunday 15th July 1979 he had received SCR giving out a Hastings telephone number, he then visited the house and talked to Rob Chapman. He warned Chapman it was an offence and Chapman replied, "Don't worry I shalln't do it again - next week I will be going out broadcasting with the others". Ridd went on to explain the raid on SCR the following week (22 July 79), when himself, Mr Heart, Mr Winton & a policeman

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A extra bit to add to the South Coast Radio court-case news

We are sure that if Mr. John Ridd was asked, he would say he was just doing his job how he saw fit to do it. However we also sure that Hitler would also had given that answer.

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Radio Caroline LATE NEWS \*\*\*\* LATE NEWS - Radio Caroline \*\*\*\* Radio  
Radio Caroline's New Energy World Service programme (Space Play) now starts at 8.30pm until 10.30pm due to an extra half an hour religious spot. Some evenings it will be a hour show, others starting at 8.15pm till 8.30pm - with the fifteen minutes from 8.00pm onwards being non-stop music. The Dutch service is still very short of live DJs, most are taped programmes and some are still done by the English jocks. If you only like the English "live" shows, then its 5 to 6pm and 10.30pm to 5.00am, when freaks like Garner Ted Armstrong start once again with that religious stuff. Roy Masters (7-8pm) reports that he is paying \$6,000 per month for the show to be transmitted, thats approx. £100 per day. Working on that - Radio Caroline gets £2,500 (approx.) per week from religious groups. Add to this the few paid ads on the English service, the many paid ads on the Dutch service, the money Space Play brings in, pulg records, the many Caroline Roadshows & Music Shows and the new French service - Radio Caroline must now be netting approx. £6,000. It is beleived that it costs NO MORE than £1,500 (at the very most) to keep the ship going per week, yet still many staff members do not get paid !!!!! The power of Caroline's transmitter at present is 10Kw. LA to all.

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(South Coast Radio cont.)

.....took away the transmitting equipment and saw operators. He said he also saw a White Maxi car driving up & down the road with Chapman in it. When cross examined he made it VERY CLEAR that the car was white. It was also made very clear that Mr Ridd had it "in for" SCR as he had been trying to get them for almost a year and that this was driving him round the bend. The defence asked Ridd if the car was white or blue with a silver roof - again he replied WHITE. He also replied to the question by saying the job "pays well" (from tax payers money, of course, and at times when the government is making cuts.....lets hope they cut him, and get "RID" of him). The defence also said that when Chapman said he would be out with the staff next week (on 15th. July) Ridd replied by saying "I'll get you and have you in court", and that Chapman only said this to wind him up!!!!

The next person called was Mr. Heart who also said he saw a WHITE Maxi car and referred to his notes. When the defence looked at the notes, they found the piece on the car "out of order" and separate from the rest of the notes taken at that time!!!! The prosecution's last witness was Mr. Winton (of Holland Rd., Hove) who also said the car was a WHITE Maxi, and once again the defence looked at the notes and founded that Winton had NO NOTES ON SEEING A WHITE MAXI!!!!!! The defence made it clear they believed that none of the GPO employees saw the car, but added it later on.

The defence then called three witnesses, the first being Rob Chapman who stated it had only helped SCR once WITH THE PHONES, after meeting them in a pub, which they advertise on-air. He also had that the car was BLUE WITH A SILVER ROOF in July and painted WHITE after his late-August holiday - in time for Ridd to see when he called to hand Chapman the summonses!!!!!!

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The next witness was an ex-operator of SCR who said that Mr. Chapman was NOT helping with the station that day or any other day, apart from the once when he answered the phones. The finale person called was Rob's girlfriend who backed him-up on the colour of the car at the time of the GPO raid.

At approx 3.45pm the case came to an end, when the judge allowed the appeal, but ordered him to "keep the peace" for one year - if he doesn't, he can forfeit up to £100. The GPO also has to pay £70 towards his costs (the rest will be covered by legal aid).

Afterwards four people were armed with cameras, but were unable to take photos as Mr. Ridd & Co. wouldn't leave the court until their yellow "GPO" van had pulled-up outside.

Near the court house was a local newspaper place with posters worded, "Another A.B.C. is on its way" - meaning a local information booklet. We were however able to have one, which we used for a mini-demo outside the court house. We held it up at Ridd, and we are sure he knew we meant it to mean ABC Radio, which was raided in Sevenoaks just before Xmas, by police - but Comrade John Ridd and RF Burns (sorry C.F. Burns) later took the equipment and called at Simon Parry's home, see the E.R.I.C. article.

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OTHER LATE NEWS \*\* OTHER LATE NEWS \*\* OTHER LATE NEWS \*\* OTHER LATE NEWS

Radio Channel International; - This is a new station, which is using the Kent Place mailing address and will broadcast on both 41 & 48 metre bands (6275, 7310 & 7350 Khz) with a transmitter power of 25 watts, the programmes will most likely go out between 9.50 and noon on Sundays. QSL Cards have already been printed.

Radio Constellation Int' appears to be a sister station of the above but only transmits on 41metres.

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